18 May 1948 STATINTL STATINTL Reference is made to your letter of ? May 1948, submitted calling for twenty in response to our (20) Selectable Sideband Messivers. We reprot that you are unable to make a firm bid for either the six units subject to liquidated damages or to the balance of fourteen (14) units. It was our impression from previous correspondence that you would be in a position to submit a firm bid. It is a matter of surprise that you are not able to do so. The facts as presented STATINTL in your letter of 7 May 1948 have been conveyed to (Metired), who has inquired in your behalf. STATINTL Lest there be some misapprehension on your part, it should be pointed out that this procurement has not been handled on a negetiated basis. Competitive bids have been solicited as required by Sevised Statute 3709 and the award made accordingly. Very truly yours, STATINTL Chief. Services Branch AMErickson/bks STATINTL MIM Chrono Mr. Houston STATINTL Inv. to Bid 267-48 Chrone